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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE'S REFTEL WE WILL NOT RAISE IN
DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OR WITH OTHER SAG OFFI-
CIALS ANY QUESTIONS OF CHIEF USMTM'S OPERATIONAL CONTROL OVER
COE OR OTHER PROGRAMS IN SAUDI ARABIA. WILL AWAIT FURTHER
WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT.

2. AS INDICATED REF (D), HOWEVER, WORD IS SPREADING AMONG
SAUDI MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OFFICIALS THAT GENERAL AHMANN HAS
BEEN SELECTED FOR PROMOTION TO MAJOR GENERAL. ACCORDINGLY,
AMBASSADOR HAS AUTHORIZED GENERAL AHMANN OFFICIALLY TO INFORM
PRINCE SULTAN OF THIS PROMOTION, AND AT SAME TIME TO MENTION
TO PRINCE THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT GENERAL AHMANN
WOULD STAY IN SAUDI ARABIA FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR. WE THINK
PRINCE SULTAN WILL WELCOME BOTH ITEMS OF NEWS.
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